

# **12<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olympiad**

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## **INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

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## 1. Welcome to Russia iGeo-2015

Welcome to Russia! We are looking forward to hosting iGeo-2015 participants in the heart of Russia. We believe that you will enjoy being placed in the middle of Central Russia, a region with fascinating natural and cultural landscape.

The venue of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Geography Olympiad will be Computeria youth recreation and educational center at Tver oblast, 200 km NW from Moscow ([www.computeria.ru](http://www.computeria.ru)). Closing ceremony and awarding of Olympiad winners will take part in the afternoon of 17 August 2015 at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, where IGU Moscow Regional Conference will be opened at the very same day.

The Olympiad is held under the auspices of the International Geographical Union (IGU) and organized by the IGU Olympiad Task Force. Local organisers are the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation, Tver State University, Lomonosov Moscow State University and Russian Geographical Society.

## 2. General information on iGeo

The International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) is an annual competition for the best 16 to 19 year old geography students from all over the world. Students chosen to represent their countries are the very best, chosen from thousands of students who participate enthusiastically in their own National Geography Olympiads. The iGeo consists of three parts: a written test, a multimedia test and a substantial fieldwork exercise requiring observation, leading to cartographic representation and geographical analysis. The programme also includes poster presentations by teams, cultural exchanges, and time for students to get to know their fellow students and explore the host city.

The aims of the Olympiad are to:

- stimulate active interest in geographical and environmental studies among young people;
- contribute positively to debate about the importance of geography as a senior secondary school subject by drawing attention

to the quality of geographical knowledge, skills and interests among young people;

- facilitate social contacts between young people from different countries and in doing so, contribute to the understanding between nations.

The iGeo-2015 in Tver, Russia is the twelfth event (until 2012 Olympiads were organized on a biennial basis) and is being hosted in Russia for the first time. In 2014 the Olympiad took place in Krakow, Poland. The next iGeo in 2016 will be conducted in Beijing, China.

### **3. iGeo-2015 organisers**

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#### **b. Organising Committee**

The iGeo-2015 Organizing Committee was nominated by the Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation.

The Organizing Committee consists of Dr. Natalia Tretyak, First Deputy Minister (Committee President), Prof. Dr. Andrey Belotserkovski, Rector of Tver State University, Academician Prof. Dr. Nikolay Kasimov, First Deputy President of the Russian Geographical Society, Ms. Svetlana Verzhbitskaya, Deputy President of the Government of Tver oblast, Dr. Alexey Naumov, Chair of Department of Social and Economic Geography of Foreign Countries of Lomonosov State University (Local Organiser) and others.

## c. iGeo-2015 supporters

The iGeo-2015 organisers are grateful to supporters, without whom this enterprise could not take place. We would therefore like to thank the following institutions which have declared their support so far:



Ministry of Education and Science of Russian Federation  
<http://eng.mon.gov.ru>



Russian Geographical Society  
<http://www.rgo.ru>



Government of Tver oblast  
<http://www.region69.gov.ru>



Tver State University  
<http://university.tversu.ru>



Lomonosov Moscow State University  
<http://www.msu.ru>



Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia  
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## 4. iGeo 2015 participants

### a. Students

Each participating country, as defined by IGU Statute II A, can send a team of four students.

They must be students of secondary schools (general or technical), or ex-students who finished school in the year of the Olympiad and have not yet commenced regular education at university level.

- Their ages must be between 16 and 19 years old (inclusive) on 30 June of the year that the Olympiad takes place.
- Students must be able to answer test questions in the official language of the Olympiad (English). Non-native English speakers get extra facilities such as the use of a language dictionary, translations of selected geographic terms from the tests, and extra time for long written tests.
- Students must be selected through a national geography competition. Students selected through this national competition must be enrolled in the school system of the country they represent. They do not necessarily have to be citizens of that country.
- Students must answer the test questions independently, except for any collaboration specified as allowed in the Fieldwork Test. Violation of this provision shall result in disqualification of the student from the Olympiad.

### b. Team leaders and International Board

In addition to the students, two adult team leaders are invited.

- They must be involved in geography teaching or geography in education in their country.
- Each of them must be able to speak and write the official language of the Olympiad (English) and one of them must be able to mark students' test papers in English.
- One leader has membership of the International Board. S/he shall maintain absolute security about the contents of any test until after that particular test has taken place. S/he is eligible to

participate on one of the jury panels, vote on the Statutes, review marking guidelines, translate geographic terms, etc.

- The other leader is the person responsible for the students. S/he may also assist in supervision of the tests and other activities related to the Olympiad.
- Both of them have equal rights at the event evaluation meeting of team leaders, which takes place at the end of the Olympiad.

The International Board consists of one adult representative of each country participating in the present or last Olympiad. The chair of the Task Force chairs the meetings of the International Board. Decisions of the International Board are passed by a majority vote. The chair has a casting vote. Members of the Task Force have the right to attend meetings of the International Board but, apart from the chair's casting vote, only have a vote if they are a country's representative. The decisions of the International Board are final. The International Board has the following responsibilities:

- help the Task Force and local organiser to conduct the Olympiad according to the Statutes;
- maintain and preserve confidentiality concerning the assignments and tasks and offer no assistance to any participant;
- mark the students' test assignments, this task to be carried out by subsets of the International Board acting as juries;
- ensure correct and just classification of the prize winners;
- summarise the results of the Olympiad;
- select the country to organise the next Olympiad.

### **c. Observers**

The organisers of the next Olympiads may each send an observer. A country planning to participate in the next Olympiad for the first time may send an observer. Observers may be present at meetings of the International Board, but may not vote.

## **5. Cost of participation and insurance**

The cost of participation in iGeo-2015 is 285 Euro (or equivalent in Russian Rubles according to the official exchange rate of the Central Bank of Russian Federation for the day of payment) per person, which must be paid by 20 May. Information on how to pay the fee is given in the registration form and at the Olympiad web site ([www.igeo2015.com](http://www.igeo2015.com)) .

The organizers provide accommodation, catering, transport during excursions, all scheduled functions and awards. The organizers also provide transfer by bus from main Moscow airports and from alternative arrival places — Tver and Rzhev in Tver oblast to Computeria (iGeo-2015 site) for free. However organizers do not provide transportation from your country to and from Moscow, or another point of entry to the Russian territory, medical and travel insurance (compulsory) and visas (if needed).

Medical and travel insurance must be taken out to cover all international participants — students, team leaders and observers for the period of their stay in Russia. Photocopies of insurance policies have to be sent to the organizers in advance. They should show the name of the company and their emergency contact information, policy type and number. The insurance shall be for an appropriate amount — for a recommended amount please contact your insurance broker. Participants of post-iGeo fieldtrip have to be insured for until 24 August, when the fieldtrip finishes.

## **6. Visa to enter Russian Federation**

After getting Registration Forms, the Organising Committee will issue personal invitations to the participants, and official invitation for visa (if needed). These documents will be sent to team leaders.

Citizens of the following countries, which participate in iGeo-2015, do not need visa to enter Russian Federation: Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Brazil, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Montenegro, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey. Bearers of passports of the SAR of China Hong Kong can enter Russia without visa for 14 days, of SAR Macau – for 30 days.

Citizens of all the other countries need to get a visa. Visa proceedings vary. With most of European Union countries (except United Kingdom) this process can be rather fast. The other require more documents, and the process can be more time consuming. Please, bear it in mind, and consult Russian Consulate or Embassy in your country.

## 7. Code of conduct

Although we do not expect any team members representing their country to behave incorrectly, we want to state some rules to be followed. Participants should all obey the code of conduct, as written below:

Participants shall conduct themselves towards others in a fair and courteous manner.

Participants shall accept graciously and without quarrel the decisions of the International Board with regards the tests, and of the local organizer with regards other parts of the program.

Participants are expected to participate fully in the organised program.

Participants shall demonstrate honesty and integrity both during the competition and at all related events.

Participants must show proper care for the property of others and the facilities made available to them.

Participants are to abide by the laws and customs of the host country.

Under no circumstances shall students have any alcohol or other drugs in their possession, or consume them at any time. Under Russian law, smoking is strictly prohibited for those younger than 18 years old, same drinking alcohol. Lifting the age for drinking alcohol to 21 years is discussed. Also, smoking and consumption of alcoholic drinks is prohibited by law in all public places, belonging to those the territory of "Computeria". For adult smokers there are special places (indicated). Possession of drugs is also strictly prohibited and will be prosecuted.

## 8. Tests

For information on the tests, what skills are needed, and where to find past questions, please visit:

[www.geolympiad.org/participation/iGeoGuidelinesForTests.pdf](http://www.geolympiad.org/participation/iGeoGuidelinesForTests.pdf)

A student's final score is calculated by allocating 40% for the written response test score, 40% for the fieldwork score and 20% for the multimedia quiz score.

For the written response test, students are required to have stationery items such as a pen, lead pencil, coloured pencils, eraser and ruler, as well as a calculator and a language dictionary if needed. The language dictionary (to and from the student's native language and English) must be a paper book and not electronic. The calculator must be a simple calculator. Phones, tablets and other multifunction electronic devices are strictly prohibited during all tests at iGeo. It is important to **bring all materials for tests in your hand luggage** as tests will not be rescheduled due to luggage loss.

Writing and drawing materials are also required for the fieldwork test. This includes items such as coloured pencils, a ruler and thick felt-tip pens or markers in several colours.

Students cannot communicate amongst themselves during the tests, except for possible group work during fieldwork (which, if applicable, will be clearly announced). Any attempt to violate this rule will result in the disqualification of the participant.

Members of the International Board shall not reveal any information about the contents of any test before it is conducted.

## 9. Poster presentation

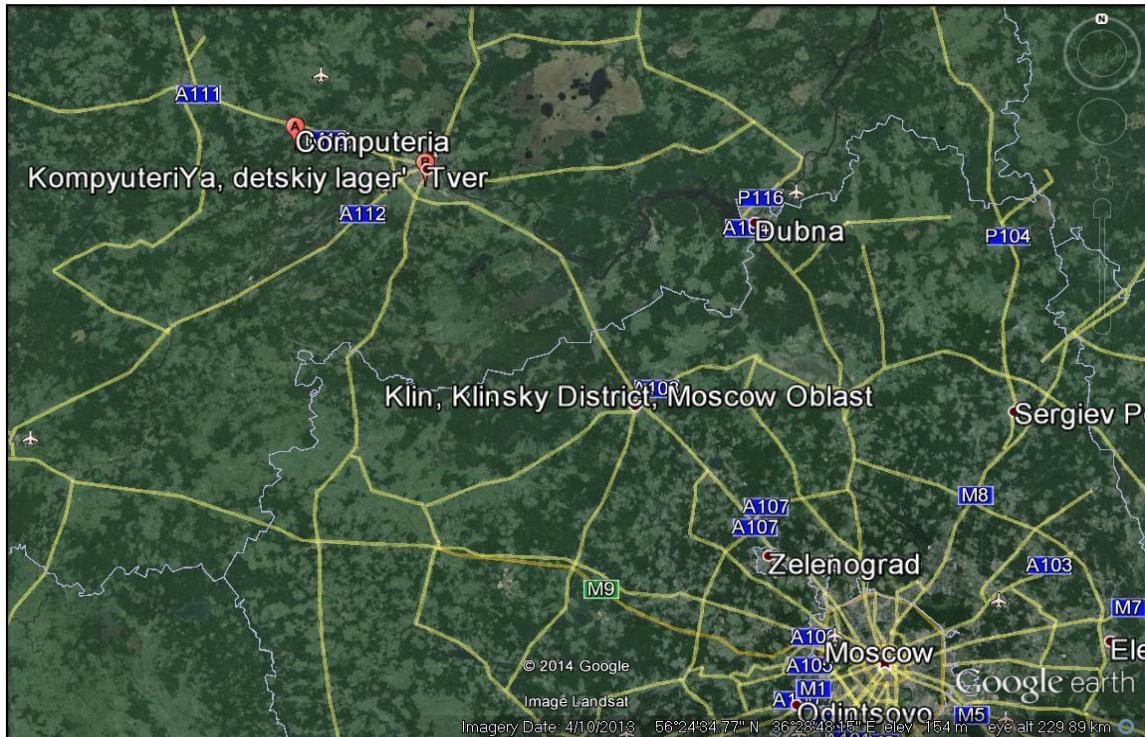
Posters will reflect the theme of this year's International Geographical Union conference: "Geography, Culture and Society for Our Future Earth". Specifically, students are to prepare a poster illustrating an issue in their home country related to the topic: "Imagine your place in the future".

Posters have to be prepared and presented by the students taking part in the iGeo. Using a poster prepared by someone else is unacceptable.

The poster presentation is not counted as part of a student's final score in the iGeo. However, a prize is planned for the team whose poster is voted the best. The best posters will most likely be displayed at the IGU Regional Conference venue during the Conference.

For further information about the poster presentation please check our website [www.igeo2015.com](http://www.igeo2015.com).

## 10. Maps of iGeo 2015 important places



Computeria location map.

- How to get to Computeria by ground:

<http://www.computeria.ru/about/skhema-proezda/>

- Computeria map (interactive):

<http://www.computeria.ru/about/skhema-zagorodnogo-kompleksa/>



- Moscow Metro (interactive):

<http://engl.mosmetro.ru/flash/scheme01.html>

- Lomonosov Moscow State University:

<http://www.msu.ru/info/map/lengori.html>

## 11. Programme outline

### iGeo-2015 Program

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
10/08		Early arrival to Moscow, transfer to Computeria	
11/08	Teams arrive to Computeria, Tver oblast		19:00 Opening ceremony
12/08	10:00-13:00 WRT	15:00-19:00 Excursion (Tver/Torzhok)	20:00 FWE briefing
13/08	9:00-17:00 FWE Part I – Field observations, lunch in the field		20:00 Cultural session preparations
14/08	10:00-13:00 FWE Part II – Analysis (indoor)	15:00-19:00 Excursion (Torzhok/Tver)	20:00 Poster session
15/08	10:00-12:00 MMT	15:00-19:00 Cultural session	20:00 Cultural activities
16/08	9:00-18:00 Full-day excursion (Seliger lake, Nilovo-Stolpenskiy monastery)		
17/08	8:00 Departure to Moscow, Moscow city tour on the way to the Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)	14:00-16:00 iGeo closing & awarding ceremony at MSU, IGU Conference Exhibition attendance	Departure

#### 10 August 2015 (Monday)

Some teams arrive to Moscow, meeting hours to be defined when organisers get all travel details. From 2 p.m. till 8 p.m. we expect to manage transfer by bus in several turns to Computeria, Tver oblast. Teams arriving to Computeria before 10 p.m. will be offered a hot dinner. Teams will not be charged for this extra-night.

## **11 August 2015 (Tuesday)**

The rest of teams are transferred from airports to Computeria, departing from Moscow before 1 p.m. as latest.

5 p.m. — International Board meeting starts.

7 p.m. — Opening ceremony of iGeo-2015 starts.

## **12 August 2015 (Wednesday)**

10 a.m. — Written Test starts.

3 p.m. — Teams depart for a 4-hours excursion to Torzhok or Tver.

Torzhok (population 47,000) is an ancient Russian town, important trading center of Novgorodean Republic. Nowadays it is very popular tourist destination because of many historical monuments and charming atmosphere of small urban centre. Tver (population 409,000) is an important administrative and industrial center on Volga river. It was a capital of medieval principality, competing with Moscow, and became a model urban center of Russian Empire. In 1466 local merchant Afanasiy Nikitin started from Tver his famous “travel beyond three seas”.

8 p.m. — Briefing on the Field Work Exercise.

## **13 August 2015 (Thursday)**

9 a.m. — 5 p.m. During this period of time teams will be transferred to the Fieldwork Exercise site, complete Part I of the exercise (observations in the field). After FWE activities, hot lunch in the field and sightseeing around are planned. By 6 p.m. teams will return to Computeria.

8 p.m. — Cultural session preparations.

## **14 August 2015 (Friday)**

10 a.m. — Part II of the Fieldwork Exercise (in classes).

3 p.m. — Teams depart for a 4-hours excursion to Tver or Torzhok.

8 p.m. — Poster presentation. Each team representative(s) stand near their poster and answer questions. Participants will vote for best posters.

## **15 August 2015 (Saturday)**

10 a.m. — Multimedia Quiz starts. Teams will be divided by 2 turns to complete the test; each participant will sit in front of PC and answer questions individually.

3 p.m. — Cultural session starts. Further information about it will be revealed on the iGeo website in due course, including guidelines for the participants on what to prepare for the function.

8 p.m. — Cultural activities continue.

### **16 August 2015 (Sunday)**

Full-day excursion to Seliger lake and its environs.

### **17 August 2015 (Monday)**

8:00 — All participants depart to Moscow.

11:00—14:00 — Moscow city tour/

14:00—16:00 — Closing and awarding ceremony at the Lomonosov Moscow State University.

After 16:00 — Participants visit IGU Conference Exhibition, some teams depart to the airports.

19:00 — Those who participate in Post-iGeo Fieldtrip return to Computeria. This option is also offered to the teams, departing home from Moscow 18 August. Participants staying in Computeria will be not charged for additional night accommodation, and will be served dinner (17 August) and breakfast (18 August).

### **18 August 2015 (Tuesday)**

8:00 — Post-iGeo Fieldtrip starts; transfer of departing teams to Moscow airport.

## **12. Free time**

The advantage of Computeria is being placed in the middle of nice natural landscape, on the bank of small river. You can walk around and enjoy fresh air of pine wood and the beauty of Russian landscape. There are facilities for outdoor sports: football, volleyball, basketball camps. Do not expect to have supermarkets and shops around, but there is a cafeteria and vending machines with sweets and beverages.

## **13. Post-iGeo fieldtrip**

After the iGeo an additional fieldtrip will be held for participants wishing to visit other Russian cities and regions. It will last from 18 to

23 August 2015. Participants of this fieldtrip will cross the Northwestern part of the Great Russian plain, stopping on the way for observe natural landscapes, physical-geographical sites and historical monuments. There will be two main stops on the way: Novgorod and Saint-Petersburg, where the participants will spend 3 days. Participants will return to Moscow 24 August in the morning.

For details about the post-iGeo fieldtrip, please check:

<http://www.igeo2015.com/conf2015/agenda/post-igeo-tour>.

## 14. Transport information

### a. Arrival and departure of iGeo participants

Teams are expected to arrive 10 August (afternoon) or 11 August (last meeting time 2 p.m.) at one of the following places:

**Moscow** — one of the international airports (Sheremetyevo, Domodedovo, Vnukovo), or Moscow Metro (subway) station "Vodniy Stadion" (for those who arrive in Moscow prior to 10 August);

**Tver** — railway station (those traveling by train from St. Petersburg);

**Rzhev, Tver oblast** — railway station (those traveling by train from Riga);

Teams arriving at an airport or railway station will be transferred to Tver oblast (Computeria) by bus. Timetable of bus departure will be tailored according to arrival time.

**Departure time** can be 17 August from Moscow (late evening, after 8 p.m. only — please, consider that iGeo closing ceremony ends at 4 p.m.), or 18 August from Moscow (transfer from Tver oblast to Moscow provided in the early morning; flight time to be planned after 9 a.m.). Those who take part in the post-iGeo Fieldtrip, depart 18 August from Computeria, Tver oblast at 8 a.m.

### b. Moscow airports

There are three main airports in Moscow — Domodedovo, Sheremetyevo and Vnukovo. The easiest way to get to Moscow from them is the Aeroexpress train.

The price of a standard class one-way ticket in electronic sales channels — Aeroexpress website, mobile application — is RUB 400 (EUR 7,3), in ticket offices, ticket vending machines (both cash or credit cards are accepted) — RUB 450 (EUR 8,2).

There are also special fares for passengers travelling in groups on Domodedovo-Moscow and Vnukovo-Moscow lines — RUB 990 (EUR 18) for three persons. For more information visit the official Aeroexpress website: <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/forPassengers/prices.htm>

*Timetable of Aeroexpress Trains from Domodedovo International Airport:* <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/domodedovo.html>

*Timetable of Aeroexpress Trains from Sheremetyevo International Airport:* <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/sheremetyevo.html>

*Timetable of Aeroexpress Trains from Vnukovo International Airport:* <http://aeroexpress.ru/en/vnukovo.html>

Please note that taxi is expensive in Moscow — prices for transfer from the airport to city may reach RUB 2000 (EUR 56).

Meeting of the iGeo-2015 participants and their transfer to the venue of the Olympiad — Computeria — will be organized in airports on August 10 (from the afternoon till 8 p.m.) and August 11 (till 1 p.m.).

### **c. Arriving by ground**

Some teams from Eastern European and Baltic countries can arrive by train to Moscow, or even to Tver.

### **d. Moscow city transportation system**

The best and the fastest way to move around Moscow is the Moscow Metro (subway).

In order to get into the Metro you need to buy electronic tickets. Please note that box offices accept cash. Moscow Metro has no special zones — all the metro is one zone, and there is no time limit for using your ticket. The fare depends on the number of trips — 50 RUB (about 0,9 EUR) for 1 trip, 180 RUB for 5 trips, 580 RUB for 20 trips, etc. The open hours are from 5.20 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.

Moscow Metro map in Russian and English can be seen at the following links:

<http://mosmetro.ru/flash/scheme11.html>

[http://urbanus.ru/img/mce/c\\_item/0/fulltext/114110\\_original.jpg](http://urbanus.ru/img/mce/c_item/0/fulltext/114110_original.jpg)

At the scheme below we've highlighted four stations which are the most important for iGeo-2015 participants: **Университет (Universitet)** – where Lomonosov Moscow State University is located, **Водный Стадион (Vodny Stadion)** – the point of departure of buses to Tver, **Павелецкая (Paveletskaya)** – the point of arrival of express trains from Domodedovo airport and **Белорусская (Belorusskaya)** – the point of arrival of express trains from Sheremetyevo airport.



## **15. Accommodation**

All iGeo-2015 participants will be staying in the Computeria youth recreation and educational center at Tver oblast, 200 km NW from Moscow ([www.computeria.ru](http://www.computeria.ru)). Housing will be managed as follows:

- 4 students per room (or 2 adults per room);
- individual room for adults available for extra fee (this option is limited due to the number of rooms);
- WC and shower in each room;
- Wi-Fi.

The address Computeria: Yamok village, Mednovskoye selskoye poselenie, Kalininskiy rayon, Tverskaya oblast.

## **16. Catering**

There will be three main meals per day provided in the canteen of Computeria camp. After 1<sup>st</sup> part of the Fieldwork exercise, during full-day excursion, and at the last day of iGeo (17 August) lunch boxes will be provided to all participants.

You will be able to purchase additional food (e.g., sweets, ice-cream) and beverages (tea, coffee, mineral water, juice, etc.) if you wish to in the cafeteria of Computeria. Please note that drinking alcohol is strictly prohibited for students by the iGeo code of conduct. Smoking drinking of alcoholic drinks in public places is also prohibited.

Please inform the organisers in advance about any special dietary requests you may have, such as vegetarian meals or allergies. Please be specific about what should be avoided in your meals.

## **17. Climate, clothing, wild nature**

The climate of Tver region, where the Olympiad is to be held, is moderate continental (or humid continental) with four distinctive seasons. August is a summer month so the weather is expected to be warm and humid with average maximum temperatures above 20 degrees. But sometimes it may get colder, especially at night. Storms are not unusual at this time of year.

Participants are expected to wear comfortable shoes and clothes for most occasions, and formal clothes for official ceremonies (a team uniform is fine). A hat or cap is recommended for days spent outside in the summer sun, and compulsory for outdoor activities during FWE. During FWW, students also need to wear walking shoes, pants, and long-sleeve shirt. Summer rains are common in Central Russia, so it is necessary to take raincoat and umbrella. Visiting churches is usually associated with the dress code: you should not wear very short shorts or sleeveless tops.

As you will spend lot of time outdoor, bringing a repellent for protection against insects is a good idea. Luckily, Russia is not affected by malaria or any other illness, transmitted by mosquitoes. Another species of parasitic insects — mites are not so much active in mid-August. Nevertheless, organisers will provide necessary protection, spraying the trek of Fieldwork exercise and also spraying every participant with a repellent. Only one venomous viper species (*Vipera berus*) can be found in Tver oblast. Normally, snakes avoid humans and escape when you approach, but if you see a snake, do not try to follow and touch it. During several years, there were no mortal cases, caused by snake bites in the places we will visit, neither anybody of Tver university students was attacked by snake in the field.

For emergency cases, organisers plan to manage a 24-hours medical post in the “Computeria” camp; medics will be on guard in the field during Fieldwork Exercise, too.

## 18. Moscow State University

Moscow State University (MSU) (Московский государственный университет имени М. В. Ломоносова) was founded in 1755 by Russian scholar Mikhail Lomonosov. More than 40.000 students (graduate and postgraduate) and about 7.000 undergraduates study at the university. Every year Moscow University enrolls about 4.000 international students and postgraduates from all over the world.

Complete list of 41 faculties, 15 research institutes, and other subdivisions of MSU is available on: <http://www.msu.ru/en/info/struct/>

Moscow State University Main Building which was completed in 1953 and is considered the tallest educational building in the world. The central tower is 240 meters tall, 36 floors high, and flanked by four huge wings of

student and faculty accommodations. MSU Main Building is located on Leninskiye Gory (original name is Vorobyevy Gory, or Sparrow Hills), in the southwest of Moscow, 5 kilometers from the city center.

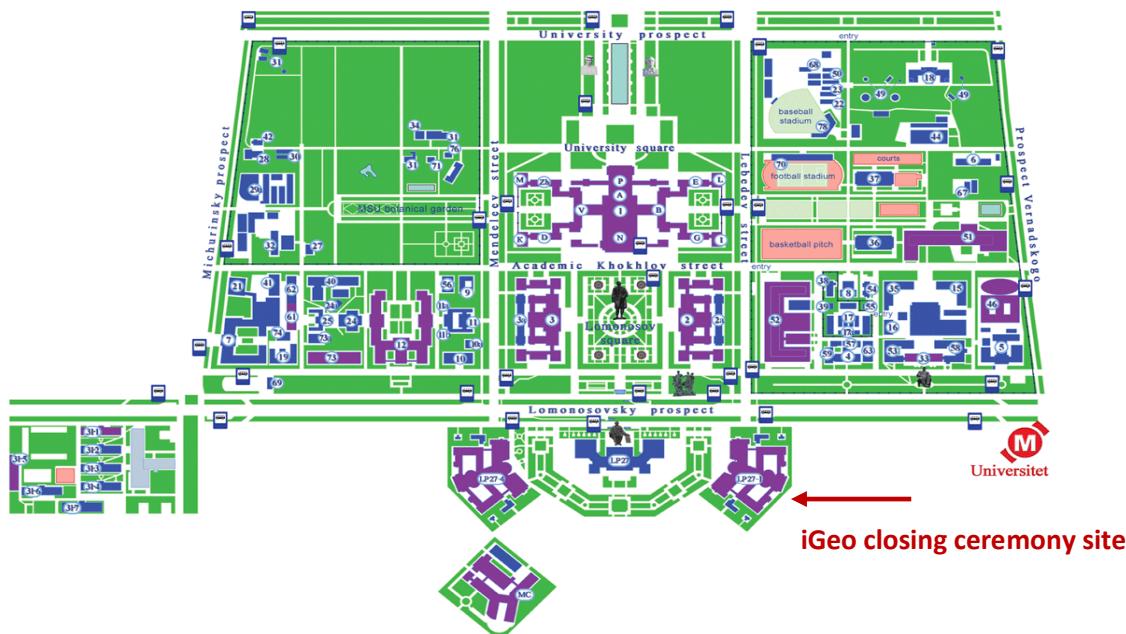
Online scheme of the main MSU campus at Leninskiye Gory: <http://www.msu.ru/en/info/Lengorien.html>

## MSU Faculty of Geography

The Faculty of Geography of the Moscow State University is the world's largest scientific and educational community of geographers with more than 1.200 graduate and postgraduate students. The faculty was established in 1938 after partition of the Faculty of Soils and of Geography into two independent structures – Faculty of Soils and Faculty of Geography. Nowadays the Faculty of Geography consists of 15 departments and 8 research laboratories, 5 field educational and scientific bases in several regions of Russia.

Since 1953 the faculty resides in the Main Building of MSU on Leninskiye Gory. Being located near the top of the building (floors 17 to 22) it is the highest faculty of geography in the world. The official website of the Faculty of Geography: <http://www.eng.geogr.msu.ru/>

For get to the University, you need to arrive to the metro station "Universitet"/"Университет" (red line, south-western direction), and walk some 10 minutes to the campus (or use public transport – bus or trolley).



## 19. Money and banks

Students and team leaders will be accommodated in the Computeria center which is located in the countryside, approximately 30 km from Tver city center. That's why please keep in mind that ATMs are available only in the city of Tver. VISA and MASTERCARD credit or debit cards are accepted by the local cafeteria.

The currency in Russia is the ruble (RUB). Exchange rates vary, for exact data please refer to currency converter sources in the internet.

If needed, you can use the ATM or exchange money bills (US dollars, Euros, sometimes other national currencies) at the airport upon arrival, or in Tver during excursion.

## 20. Other useful information

Moscow and Tver time zone is GMT/UTC + 03:00 hour.

Electricity supply in Russia is 220—240 V AC. The sockets are standard European type (type F, as shown in the picture below. Please bring plug adaptors and voltage converters for your electrical equipment if necessary.



In Russia we drive on the right. Please remember this and be careful while crossing streets. Remember that even crossing the road on pedestrian crossing does not guarantee against possible accidents. General recommendation: be very careful in the city and outside the city, especially near the highways.

For up-to-date information on the iGeo, please check our website regularly: <http://igeo2015.com>, or contact organisers at [igeo2015russia@gmail.com](mailto:igeo2015russia@gmail.com).